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# New forecasts for the Yorkshire Dales

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A new mountain-area weather forecast for the Yorkshire Dales will provide hill walkers with clearer information to help keep them safer, while making the most of the spectacular countryside.

For the first time we are providing forecasts for the Yorkshire Dales National Park, in addition to the comprehensive forecasts we already provide for the Brecon Beacons, Peak District, Snowdonia, Lake District, and West and East Highlands.

The forecasts include a colour-coded hazards forecast to highlight key risks on the mountains; details on the risk of precipitation, and the latest synoptic chart. They will be updated twice-a-day to give users the latest information on the expected conditions in the mountains.

Mark Allum, Access Projects Officer at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, said: “The Yorkshire Dales is a fantastic area for outdoor activities. Whether you are a hill walker, caver or mountain biker, an accurate forecast is a critical piece of information. The weather in the Dales is often very different to what is happening in Leeds or York, so this specific mountain weather forecast is very welcome.”

Pat Boyle, Public Weather Service Manager at the Met Office, said: “The weather in the Dales can change with little or no warning, and an unprepared walker can quickly find themselves at risk. Whether it’s a well-planned expedition or a spur-of-the-moment decision to go to the hills, it is important to check the forecast first.”

The use of colour-coded hazards forecasts follows the successful introduction of our colour-coded severe weather warnings for heavy rain, gales, heavy snow, blizzards, dense fog and icy roads, supporting the emergency services and resilience community.

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